

Governor's Leadership in the Arts Award

2008 Lifetime Leadership Award presented to Ruth Draper

Remarks from 2008 Lieutenant Governor Gary R. Herbert

"Ruth Draper is a quiet hero of Utah's arts community. She has made innumerable contributions to the arts in Utah during her tenure as the Director of the Utah Arts Council in the 1970s and 1980s. She worked tirelessly to help establish the foundation on which Utah's contemporary arts scene has developed. Since leaving the Utah Arts Council, Ruth has worked to generate support for the arts in the Mountain West and on a national level having served as the regional representative of the National Endowment for the arts and as a founding board member of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. Ruth Draper has unselfishly made the support of the arts in Utah a lifelong focus. We reap the benefits of her work on a daily basis and so today, we honor her for her hard work and incredible contributions.



Please join me in congratulating Ruth Draper as the recipient of the 2008 Governor's Lifetime Leadership in the Arts Award."

